

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed March 11, 2005, has been received and reviewed. Claims 1-4, 6, 7, 9, 11-22, 24, 25, 27, and 29-33 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1-4, 6, 7, 9, 11-22, 24, 25, and 30-33 are allowed. Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of these claims. Applicants have amended claims 6, 27, and 29 and respectfully request reconsideration of the application as amended herein.

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's indication that the arguments filed December 10, 2004, are persuasive and that all previous objections and rejections have been withdrawn. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's review of the file history to confirm the status of the pending claims.

Objections to Claims 27 and 29/Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 27 and 29 stand objected to as being dependent upon rejected base claims, but are indicated to contain allowable subject matter and would be allowable if placed in appropriate independent form. The indication of allowable subject matter in these claims is noted with appreciation. Applicants have amended each of claims 27 and 29 to depend from claim 19 and respectfully request that the objection be withdrawn.

ENTRY OF AMENDMENTS

The amendments to claims 6, 27, and 29 should be entered by the Examiner because the amendments are supported by the as-filed specification and drawings and do not add new matter to the application.

CONCLUSION

Claims 1-4, 6, 7, 9, 11-22, 24, 25, 27, and 29-33 are believed to be in condition for allowance, and an early notice thereof is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner determine that additional issues remain which might be resolved by a telephone conference, he is respectfully invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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